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For : AN IMPROVED AUTOMATIC SYRINGE

Group Art Unit : 3763

Examiner : Michael Hayes

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of this continuation application filed under 35 C.F.R. 1.53(b),  
please amend this application in the following manner:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 2, immediately after the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"

insert the sentence - *Pat. No. 6,099,504,* This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/176,439, filed  
on October 21, 1998, entitled An Improved Automatic Syringe, which claims the benefit of U.S.  
Provisional Application No. 08/956,237 (regular application converted to provisional on October  
20, 1998), which is assigned to the same assignee as this invention, and whose disclosure is  
incorporated by reference herein. - -

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-28 from this continuation application only.

Please add the following claims 29-82.

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